

Local

BAKER COUNTY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, OCT. 26

■ **Baker County Natural Resource Advisory Committee:** 3 p.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

■ **Baker County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council:** 7 a.m. at New Directions Northwest, 3425 13th St. Also available on Zoom. To get a website link, meeting ID and password, call Ashley McClay at 541-523-6415 or email to amcclay@bakercounty.org.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9

■ **Baker County Economic Development Council:** 3 p.m. at the Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald October 23, 1971

Union, one of the Wapiti League's bottom-dwellers, came up for a breath of air Friday and gave loop-leading Pine-Eagle its closest league shave of the season, 6-0, as the Spartans set their magic number to one.

The Spartans, now 4-0 in circuit play, need only a win over hapless Prairie City next week to bag at least a share of the crown.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 23, 1996

Most Baker County residents will notice the value of their taxable property has changed ever so slightly when they receive their property tax statements this week.

Allen Phillips, Baker County assessor, said valuation of taxable property in the county is at an all-time high of approximately \$750 million, up from last year's high of \$699,010,577.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald October 24, 2011

The Oregon Hunters Association's board of directors has mounted a campaign to overturn the state's 17-year-old ban on hunting cougars with dogs.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald October 24, 2020

As the end of the first quarter of classes approaches, Baker School District students are continuing to adjust to changes brought about by the coronavirus pandemic.

Students in preschool through sixth grade, who returned to their classrooms on Oct. 14 are adjusting well, school administrators say.

"I think the kids are just really happy to be back in school, to be honest with you," Geno Bates, South Baker Intermediate principal, said Friday morning.

"The protocols are working really well and the kids are doing really well," Bates said. "They seem to have adjusted."

There have been no issues with the students following the requirement to wear masks while they are in the school building, although social distancing on the playground takes a little more reminding.

"The teachers feel like it's all going really well," Bates said. "The kids have been resilient — that's kids for you."

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, Oct. 20

8 — 10 — 21 — 22 — 31 — 36
Next jackpot: \$4.7 million

POWERBALL, Oct. 20

7 — 29 — 36 — 41 — 43 PB 5
Next jackpot: \$86 million

MEGA MILLIONS, Oct. 19

3 — 12 — 13 — 19 — 52 Mega 1
Next jackpot: \$108 million

WIN FOR LIFE, Oct. 20

36 — 40 — 42 — 67

PICK 4, Oct. 21

• 1 p.m.: 6 — 0 — 6 — 9

• 4 p.m.: 5 — 7 — 1 — 4

• 7 p.m.: 9 — 7 — 5 — 5

• 10 p.m.: 9 — 6 — 4 — 5

LUCKY LINES, Oct. 21
3-8-9-14-20-22-28-32
Next jackpot: \$18,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **MONDAY:** Chicken broccoli fettuccini, garlic breadsticks, zucchini and tomatoes, cookies, ambrosia
- **TUESDAY:** Herb baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, biscuits, beet-and-onion salad, cinnamon rolls
- **WEDNESDAY:** Hot beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, 3-bean salad, birthday cake
- **THURSDAY:** Breaded pork loin, red potatoes, peas, rolls, green salad, sherbet
- **FRIDAY:** Ghoulash, garlic bread, capri vegetables, pistachio pudding

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$5 donation (60 and older), \$7.50 for those under 60.

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Pop artist Alex Boyé to perform in La Grande

By ANDREW CUTLER

The (La Grande) Observer

LA GRANDE — Cassy Kellogg wanted to do something special for her children and other kids after the strain of nearly two years of COVID-19 mandates.

So, one day earlier this month, when Kellogg saw a clip of an Alex Boyé concert on social media, on a whim she reached out to Boyé's camp to inquire about possibly having the Utah-based singer perform in Union County.

"When I watched how fun those concerts are, I just thought I want my kids and their friends and the kids in our area to be able to have that experience," Kellogg said.

Boyé's free, public "Bend not Break" suicide awareness concert will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Union County Fairgrounds. Magician/motivational speaker Brad Barton will open for Boyé. Don Kellogg, Cassy Kellogg's husband, met Barton in 2000 at a Boy Scout camp at Farragut State Park.

"You have all these acts that like to go to the big cities. We just like to go to a city," Boyé said. "This isn't like an Alex Boyé concert, this is a mental health, suicide prevention awareness concert. That applies to anyone and everyone."

The Kelloggs have been seeing to all the details that go into bringing in a nationally known artist in a short period of time.

"We have a lot going on," Don Kellogg said.

Finding an 'angel'

When she reached out to Boyé about coming to La Grande, Cassy Kellogg said she was given a couple of options about raising the money to pay for the concert — find sponsors or "find an angel."



Alex Boyé/Contributed Photo

Utah pop artist Alex Boyé will perform a suicide prevention concert on Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Union County Fairgrounds.

The couple found an unnamed "angel" who donated \$50,000 to make the concert happen. Don Kellogg, who retired a couple of years ago after a long career with Avista, is raising another \$15,000 to pay for Barton and the rest of the event.

Cassy Kellogg said finding either a sponsor or an "angel" was a key factor in making sure the concert happened.

"Alex and I were half in tears reading the note that they found an 'angel,'" Eddie Wenrick, Boyé's manager, said. "These people are serious. They want to help kids. We have to show up."

Boyé's shows routinely draw as many as 10,000 people. The Kelloggs are optimistic the Union County show can draw as many as 2,500 fans.

"There's people who will travel from Boise and the Tri-Cities to see Alex," Don Kellogg said.

Sharing a positive message

Cassy Kellogg said she's seen, and heard about, young people struggling emotionally and mentally during the pandemic. When she saw the clip of Boyé's performance on his "Ignite the Light" tour, she

thought having him bring his show to La Grande and offering suicide prevention resources could be beneficial.

"People come to watch the concert, but the purpose in the tour is to connect local people with local resources," she said. "So the Union County Safe Communities Coalition is supporting us."

Boyé said mental health therapists, called "thought leaders," will share during the concert and will be available for anyone who wants to talk about mental health.

"That's a win for me," he said.

Exhibitors will have booths to provide resources and the Kelloggs also are working with the La Grande Lions Club to open their booth at the fairgrounds to sell hamburgers.

"That would be another charity people would be donating to if they bought lunch," Cassy Kellogg said.

The concert will strive to follow all COVID-19 mandates, including masks and social distancing.

"We want everyone to wear a mask," Cassy Kellogg said.

The Kelloggs also urge attendees to bring blankets and folding chairs to the concert.

Boyé's background

Boyé has resided in Utah for two decades. He is a former member of the European boy-band "Awe-some" and of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Boyé's professional career has included recording religious and Latter-day Saints music.

In recent years, he has built a massive YouTube following by performing Africanized versions of popular music, including "Let It Go" and "Circle of Life," from the Disney movies "Frozen" and "The Lion King," respectively, as well as the Taylor Swift hit "Shake It Off."

Boyé also appeared on America's Got Talent and was named the 2017 artist of the year and grand prize winner in a music contest sponsored by Pepsi and Hard Rock Cafe. This past December in Miami, he performed a halftime show for NFL's Monday Night Football.

"I'm hoping that La Grande can prove to the rest of the world that you can get Alex Boyé to come because Los Angeles, Miami, Salt Lake City, those are his venues so far," Don Kellogg said.

OBITUARY

Diane Arvey

Baker City, 1950-2021

Diane G. Arvey, 71, of Baker City, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on the evening of Monday, Oct. 18, 2021.

Diane was born on April 30, 1950, in Centralia, Washington, to Gladys and Robert Edwards. She was raised on a farm in Toledo, Washington, until her parents moved to Port Townsend alongside her five beloved siblings. Diane was among the first wave of female state troopers in the Pacific Northwest — the first step in a dutiful lifelong career in public service.

When her career as an Ordinance Control Officer transported her to Stayton, Oregon, in 1982, Diane met



Diane Arvey

her soulmate, Kerby Arvey, whom she married in 1985. The two shared an admiration of the outdoors, recreation, and travel. Their love of nature informed their decision to relocate to Baker

City in 2003, where she served as a sergeant through the Oregon Department of Corrections until her retirement in 2012.

Diane was an active volunteer in her community, an avid quilter, and lover of all things handcrafted. In her free time, she enjoyed fishing with Kerby, crafting and quilting with her dear band of Baker City seamstresses, and traveling to support her grandchildren in their various activities. Above all else, Diane's greatest joy in life was her family.

Diane is survived by her mother, Gladys V. Edwards; her siblings, Sharon Baker, Barbara Lief, Ed Edwards (Sue), Dave Edwards (Judi), and her twin sister, Darlene K. Edwards; her husband, Kerby Arvey; her sons, Christian Pedersen and James Pedersen (Mishelle); her daughter, Lisa Eckis (John); her grandchildren, McKenzie, Hayden, Bailey, Kristopher and Derrick; and her two cats, Jinx and Charlie.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Edwards.

Her memory will forever be documented in her lov-

ingly crafted scrapbooks, and preserved in the quilts she stitched to keep her loved ones warm. She lives on in the selfless, resourceful, optimistic, and pioneering spirit she imparted on those who were fortunate enough to know her.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Baker City Senior Center or the Baker City YMCA through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

DEATHS

Dean Franklin Spence: 84, of Baker City, died Oct. 21, 2021, at his residence. A memorial service with military honors will take place Friday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. at the Harvest Church, 3720 Birch St. in Baker City. Following the service, a reception will be held at the Harvest Church Fellowship Hall. To leave an online condolence for Dean's family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

Roscoe Curry: Memorial service Saturday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Halfway. Military honors will follow at the Pine Valley Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family at the church following the interment. For those who would like to make a donation in Roscoe's memory, his family suggests the Gary

Sinise Foundation or The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Halfway branch, through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Chad Michael Cox, 40, Baker City, 1:55 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 at Resort and Madison streets; cited and released.

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